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Applicant : Douglas U. Mennie et al.
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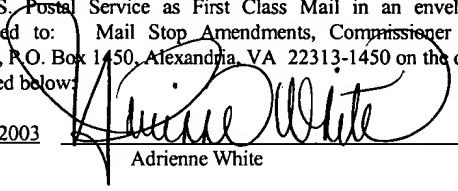
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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is June 3, 2003. The Applicants are submitting herewith a petition for a one month extension of time extending the due date for this reply up to and including July 3, 2003.

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.